IX. *A Continuation of an Account of an Eſſay towards a Natural Hiſtory of* Carolina, *and the* Bahama *Iſlands, by* Mark Catesby, *F. R. S. with ſome Extracts out of the Sixth Set; by Dr.* Mortimer, *R. S. Secret.*

ACcounts of the firſt five Sets, which compoſe the firſt Volume of this beautiful Work, have been given in N°. 415, 420, and 426, of theſe *Tranſactions*. The Author deſigns in this ſecond Volume to exhibit the *Fiſh*, *Reptiles*, *Quadrupeds*, and ſeveral ſorts of *Plants*; in the former Volume having treated chiefly of the *Birds* and *Trees*. This ſixth Set, or firſt Part of the ſecond Volume, contains the Figures and Deſcriptions of *Fiſh*. In Plate

1. *Umbla minor marina, maxillis longioribus.* vid. Sloane Hiſt. Jam. Tab. 247. fig. 3. The *Barracuda*. The Fleſh of this *Fiſh* is very unwholſome, and frequently poiſonous.

Vulpis Bahamenſis.

2. *Perca marina Gibboſa cinerea.* The *Margate-Fiſh*. This is eſteem'd very good Meat.

Saurus ex cinereo nigricans. The Sea *Sparrow-Hawk*.

3. *Perca marina, pinna Dorſi diviſa.* The *Croker*. This *Fiſh* is tolerable good Meat.

Perca marina rubra. The *Squirrel*. It is a good eating *Fiſh*.

4. *Perca marina, Rhomboidalis, faſciata.* The *Pork-Fiſh*. The *Bahamians* eſteem this a good *Fiſh*.

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Perca marina, pinnis branchialibus carens. The School-maſter.

5. *Perca marina, venenoſa, punctata.* The *Rock-Fiſh.* This *Fiſh* is reckon'd the moſt poiſonous of any among the *Bahama* Iſlands. Many of theſe *Fiſh*, which are poiſonous in one Place, are not ſo in another; and tho' the Inhabitants can give a near Gueſs, yet they are ſometimes miſerably deceiv'd.

6. *Perca marina capite ſtriato.* The *Grunt.*

Albula Bahamenſis. The [*Bahama*] *Mullet.* It is eſteemed a good eating *Fiſh*, and is caught in great Plenty.

7. *Perca marina puncticulata.* The *Negro Fiſh.*

Perca marina, cauda nigra. The *Black-Tail.*

8. *Hirundo.* The *Flying-Fiſh.* The Wings with which it flies in the Air, are only a Pair of very large Finns, which ſerve as ſuch in the Water, and make it a very ſwift Swimmer. It is a good eating *Fiſh.*

Perca marina, Sectatrix. The *Rudder-Fiſh*, ſo called becauſe they are always ſeen following Ships, or ſticking to the Rudders.

Perca fluviatilis gibboſa, ventre luteo. The *Freſh-Water-Pearch.* By ſome called *Ground-Pearch*, from their burrowing into and covering themſelves in the Mud or Sand.

9. *Turdus pinnis branchialibus carens.* The *Mangrove Snapper.* It is eſteemed pretty good Food.

10. *Turdus rhomboïdalis.* The *Tang.* This *Fiſh* hath on each ſide the Tail a ſharp pointed Bone, which it can erect in its own Defence.

Turdus cauda convexa. The *Yellow-Fiſh.*

11. *Turdus flavus.* The *Hog-Fiſh.*

Turdus cinereus, peltatus. The *Shad.* This *Fiſh* hath an oval bony Subſtance upon his Noſe, like a [*Pelta*] ſmall Shield. It is eſteemed a good *Fiſh.*

12. *Turdus, oculo radiato.* The *Pudding-Wife.* Round the Eye ſpread ſeven blue Rays, at almoſt equal Diſtances, but of unequal Lengths.

Alburnus Americanus. The *Carolina-Whiting.* This is accounted tolerable good Meat.

13. *Mormyrus, ex cinereo nigricans.* The *Bone-Fiſh.*

Corallina fruticoſa elatior; ramis, quaqua-verſum expanſis, teretibus. Sloane Hiſt. Jam. Vol. I. p. 57. The *Sea-Feather.* This *Plant*, and alſo the great *Sea-Fan* grow upright as moſt *Land-Plants* do; and do not grow horizontally as is uſually thought.

14. *Cugupuguacu, Braſil.* Sloane Hiſt. Jam. p. 247. The *Hind.* It is eſteemed a good *Fiſh* to eat.

Saltatrix. The *Skip-Jack.* It hath obtained its Name from its frequent Skipping out of the Water. It is tolerable good Meat.

15. *Suillus.* The great *Hog-Fiſh.*

16. *Aurata Bahamenſis.* The *Porgy.* It is a good eating *Fiſh.*

17. *Salpa purpuraſcens variegata.* The *Lane-Snapper.*

Petimbuabo, Braſil. Willough. p. 233. and App. 22. The *Tobacco-Pipe Fiſh.* It is long and ſlender like a Pipe, whence it hath receiv'd its *Engliſh* Name.

18. *Novæ*

18. *Novacula cærulea.* Will. p. 214. Tab. O. 2. The *Blue-Fiſh.*

19. *Unicornis Piſcis, Bahamenſis.* The *Bahama Unicorn-Fiſh.* Theſe *Fiſh* grow only to two or three Feet in length, and a little behind the Eyes have an Horn about nine Inches long, which they can move at pleaſure. They are accounted poiſonous.

20. *Muræna maculata, nigra vel viridis.* The *Muray.* The Inhabitants of the *Bahama* Iſlands eat only the Green ſort, eſteeming the Black ones poiſonous to eat; yet the Bite of them is not venomous.

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